

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Steelhead Report and Restoration Card is to gather angler data which is utilized by the Department in making management and regulatory decisions. Revenue generated from Report Card sales is dedicated to administering the program and funding habitat restoration projects contributing to the conservation, monitoring, and recovery of steelhead populations. This report addresses eight years of angler information gathered by the Department from 2007 to 2014.

Between years 2007 and 2014 a total of 421,637 cards were sold, generating \$2,489,615 in revenue. Although anglers are mandated by law to return Report Cards at the end of each season, only a small percentage (roughly 30%) complied with the requirement. Anglers reported making 367,434 trips to fish for steelhead, and reported catching 325,147 steelhead. Of the 325,147 fish, approximately 196,567 were of wild-origin and 128,580 were of hatchery-origin. When the data was evaluated by distinct population segment, it indicated that the majority of steelhead fishing took place in Klamath Mountains Province (45%), followed by Central Valley (24%), Northern California (16%), Central California Coast (13%), South Central California Coast (1%), and Southern California (0%), respectively.

The Report Card Program utilized approximately \$1,935,385 in revenue to fund 75 restoration projects. All projects were considered to have a direct benefit to California steelhead, as well as a direct or indirect benefit to steelhead anglers.